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**SUBJECT:** **Staff Report and Recommendation on a Contract with Contra Costa County to Provide Staff Support and Expertise in the Development of a Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan for the East Portion of Contra Costa County**  
(For Commission consideration on September 7, 2017)

## Summary

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Contra Costa County, which would provide up to \$10,000 over 18 months to the County to support the Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) Program's vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning effort for the east portion of Contra Costa County, from Bay Point to Discovery Bay. These funds, which were included as part of the Commission contract with the Delta Stewardship Council (approved June 15, 2017), will support County staff working with Commission staff on the project. The staff also recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to amend the contract in the future, as long as the amendment does not involve substantial changes in either the scope or amount of the contract, and to extend the term of the contract, if necessary.

## Staff Report

**Background.** On June 15, 2017, the Commission approved a contract with the Delta Stewardship Council to convene and staff a shoreline adaptation planning project that includes the Contra Costa County shoreline extending from Bay Point to Discovery Bay. Using the ART adaptation planning process, tools, and data, ART staff will work with local jurisdictions, agencies, and organizations in Contra Costa County, as well as regional, state and federal agencies, to understand the vulnerabilities and consequences communities may face, including: identifying any disproportionate impact among community members, the disruption of transportation and utility infrastructure, the loss of employment sites, and limitations on access to goods and services.

This contract will allow Contra Costa County staff to support and participate in five stakeholder meetings, as well as review of relevant documents. County staff will also assist BCDC with outreach to cities, special districts, communities and key stakeholders in the east portion of Contra Costa County and provide institutional knowledge and history.

The support provided by county staff will be important for the success of this project and will also assist Commission staff in furthering other ongoing and completed BCDC projects aimed at understanding and responding to the current and future flood risks faced by the Bay-Delta region. These projects include the ART Bay Area Project, the ART Contra Costa County Project, and the 2021 update to Plan Bay Area. Accordingly, staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to: (1) execute a contract with Contra Costa County to provide up to \$10,000 over 18 months to the County for its staff costs, support the Commission's vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning effort for East Contra Costa County; and (2) amend the contract, as long as the amendment does not involve substantial changes in either the scope or amount of the contract, and to extend the term of the contract, if necessary.